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KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA SOUTHWEST, AFGHANISTAN (S)

1. (S/D) Kabul Deployment Area Southwest [] is on the southwest edge of Kabul, Afghanistan, and is immediately south of the Darulaman Palace. This deployment area contains the main command post for the Soviet military forces in Afghanistan. []

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2. (S/D) The deployment area consists of eight separate areas (Figure 1)—the main command post, an army-level signal unit area, a communications jamming battalion area, an early warning radar site, a new construction area, a main support/administration area, a motorized rifle regiment bivouac area, and an anti-aircraft regiment bivouac area.

3. (S/D) The fence-secured main command post in the eastern half of the deployment area contained 13 expandable van trucks; 50 probable radio van trucks; seven large, general-purpose tents; one KH-1 [] van trailer; and numerous generator trailers.

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4. (S/D) The army-level signal unit dispersed throughout the eastern portion of the deployment area contained one R-410 TWIN PLATE troposcatter communications relay unit (deployed at two sites), two PARK DRIVE mobile communications satellite stations (one annotated on graphic), one communications relay unit (TWIN EAR and R-412), one radio relay unit (R-409 CATS PAW), a personnel support area, and one deployed 57mm anti-aircraft battery.

5. (S/D) The communications jamming battalion area in the center of the deployment area contained a vehicle park, a tent camp, and one deployed FULL HOUSE intercept/direction-finding (DF) set with TALL RODS and SQUARE FOUR antennas and a TURN SERIES vehicle. Equipment in the vehicle park included R-834P variant (ZIL-131 chassis), R-330 very-high-frequency (VHF) communication jammer, SPIKE SQUARE antenna, R-409 CATS PAW, and R-118 BM-3.

6. (S/D) The early warning site at the east end of the deployment area contained the following radars: one BAR LOCK, one THIN SKIN, two SPOON REST, and one FLAT FACE.

7. (S/D) The new construction area within the army-level signal unit area included four recently completed, prefabricated, single-story buildings. Two additional prefabricated buildings; one probable single-story, multiwing (four wings), administration building; and two wood frame buildings were in various stages of construction.

8. (S/D) The main support/administration area on the north edge of the deployment area contained a large tent camp with approximately 211 tents of various sizes and a vehicle park.

9. (S/D) The motorized rifle regiment bivouac area at the west end of the deployment area contained a tent camp and a vehicle park. The following units were in the vehicle park: three BMP armored personnel carrier-equipped motorized rifle battalions, one tank battalion, one M-30 122-mm howitzer-equipped artillery battalion, one engineer company, one MT-LB SAM-equipped anti-aircraft missile and artillery battery, one antitank missile battery, one reconnaissance company, and one chemical defense company. One motorized rifle battalion was absent from the bivouac []

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10. (S/D) The anti-aircraft regiment bivouac area immediately east of the motorized rifle regiment bivouac area consisted of a tent camp and a vehicle park. Two S-60 57mm anti-aircraft gun batteries and the service battery were in the bivouac area. One firing battery was deployed in the army-level signal unit area, and the remaining firing battery was in the Kabul Deployment Area Northwest []

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